

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested.

Claims 5-12 are in the case.

Claims 1-4, 7-9, 11 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by WO 97/11135 and Japanese patent specification No. 10-168383.

Claims 1-4 and 7-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by WO 99/05345.

Claims 4-7 and 10-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

It is noted and pointed out that no art rejection is made of Claims 5, 6 and 10. Consequently, all of the claims have now been amended to limit them to be of the scope of these claims, i.e., the composition comprising polymer (A) being of the scope as in Claim 5, and (B) a fluorine-containing compound of the formula 1. No such composition is disclosed or made obvious by the references relied upon by the Examiner, such impliedly being acknowledged by the Examiner by not rejecting Claims 5, 6 and 10 over art.

The claims additionally have been amended so as to obviate their indefiniteness, within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Should any further amendments to the claims be considered necessary by the Examiner, he is requested to contact the undersigned by telephone so that mutually agreeable language may be arrived at.

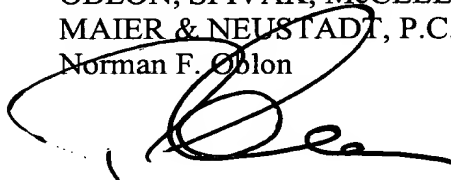
Withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph thus is requested.

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It is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and which is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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